

I am writing this to express my concern with the National Association of Broadcasters's petition 04-160. Satellite radio is a wonderful new technology that should be used to its fullest potential. Taking away their right to broadcast weather and traffic reports or any other local programming only benefits the NAB. If consumer's choose satellite radio to get their information or local AM and FM stations is not a concern that the FCC should have to deal with. The people should be able to make their own decision. We are in a day and age that the average work commute is greater then ever. Satellite radio gives the consumer, if they choose, to get things like weather and traffic on demand. Imagine where the world would be today if the Postal Service had asked the government to stop e-mail because it may hurt their organization. This is the same situation for local broadcasters, instead of trying to stop technology we need to imbrace it.

Thank you,

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